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FM AMEMBASSY SAIGON

TO AMCONSUL NAHA OKINAWA

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AMEMBASSY MANILA

AMEMBASSY BANGKOK

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SUBJECT: HEROIN SEIZURE ON OKINAWA

OKINAWA, MANILA & BANGKOK PASS BNDD FROM GREENE

REF: SAIGON LOU 10662

1. BNDD SAIGON INSPECTED CRATES BELONGING TO OKINAWAN DEFENDANT DR. WILLIAM KOTHE AT OFFICES OF WORLD VISION INTERNATIONAL IN SAIGON. CRATES CONTAINED SUBSTANTIAL AMOUNTS OF MEDICAL SUPPLIES WITH A CONSERVATIVE VALUE FROM \$10,000 TO \$20,000. NO ILLICIT NARCOTICS WERE FOUND.

2. STAFF OF WORLD VISION ADVISED THAT WHILE DR. KOTHE WAS EMPLOYED BY THEM, ONE OF HIS FUNCTIONS WAS TO SCROUNGE MEDICAL SUPPLIES TO BE GIVEN TO THE VARIOUS HOSPITALS SUPPORTED BY WORLD VISION. PRIOR TO OCTOBER 1972, DR. KOTHE REPORTEDLY SCROUNGED THE MAJORITY OF THESE SUPPLIES FROM SURPLUS U. S. ARMY STOCKS ON OKINAWA AND SHIPPED THEM TO SAIGON. THE REMAINDER WAS REPORTEDLY OBTAINED FROM SURPLUS STOCKS FROM THE FORMER MILITARY ASSISTANCE COMMAND VIETNAM.

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3. AT THE TIME OF HIS TERMINATION FOR CAUSE FROM WORLD VISION,
DR. KOTHE STATED THAT THE SUPPLIES WERE HIS AND THAT HE WOULD HAVE
THEM RETURNED TO HIS NEW PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT ON OKINAWA.

4. WORLD VISION INTERNATIONAL IS A CHARITABLE RELIEF ORGANIZATION.
IT IS THEIR PRESENT INTENTION TO DISTRIBUTE THESE SUPPLIES TO THEIR
VARIOUS CLINICS IN VIETNAM FOR THE RELIEF OF WAR REFUGEES. DECISION
BASED ON FACT THEY WROTE DR. KOTHE ON FOUR OCCASIONS DURING THE
PAST YEAR REQUESTING INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE SUPPLIES AND HAVE
RECEIVED NO REPLY.
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